

HARD COAL PRICES

Certain Small Operators to Go, but Industry Is Behind New Move

GARFIELD NOW DICTATOR

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The President is preparing to fix hard coal prices, just as he set figures for the steel and iron industry. The coal dictator to take charge of both situations, it was said.

Thousands of so-called "wagon loaders"—coal operators on a small scale but producing many thousand carloads per month in the aggregate—will be wiped out by President Wilson's maximum prices, according to Chairman Peabody, of the defense council's coal committee today.

The industry, however, will be solidly behind the President in his efforts to reduce prices to the average consumer, he said. A large part of the country's coal production already under contract will not be affected by the President's prices.

Tentative prices, averaging about \$2.25 a ton for home use fixed by President Wilson for coal at the mouth of every bituminous mine, went into effect. Prices to retailers and consumers will follow shortly.

H. A. Garfield, president of Williams College, and now chairman of the price-fixing board, has accepted the post of fuel dictator. His installation will follow completion of his present wheat task.

The rates of profit to be fixed by the President are expected to be twenty cents a ton for wholesalers and fifty cents for retailers. This, added to the President's prices at the mouth of the mine in the twenty-nine bituminous coal districts of the country, together with railroad freight and expense of local delivery, will afford every city a working basis for figuring the coal cost to the American home.

WOODROW WILSON. SCHEDULE OF PRICES. Prices are on f. o. b. mine basis for tons of 2000 pounds.

the car situation and see what it is. We lose two days a week through the railroads' failure to provide cars. We could load from 25 to 40 per cent more cars than are obtainable.

President Wilson's announcement, which, in dollars and cents, means that the coal producers of Pennsylvania stand to obtain some \$200,000,000 less for their coal this year than if the present prices were continued, was naturally received locally with grave concern.

The situation in this State is like in Illinois, where, according to E. M. Irwin, president of the O'Gara Coal Company, Chicago, 75 per cent of the coal output is under contract and will not be affected by the new price.

"It costs some operators close to \$2.50 a ton to get their coal out of the mines," said Joseph M. O'Brien, assistant sales manager of the Keystone Coal & Coke Company, "but others, big operators like ourselves, can, I think, meet the \$2 schedule all right."

"We will have a margin which will hold us all right, I think. But I suppose that there will be many smaller concerns which will be closed out if they should be, that will not curtail the State's production, however. It may even help it. Their mines must continue to be worked by others, who will be able to keep the production cost down."

LABOR THE BIG PROBLEM. "The big problem is, of course, the labor problem, ranking second only to the car problem. The miners are certainly 'getting theirs.' They have demanded their share when higher prices prevailed, and I don't believe they will agree to a reduction of wages even if the prices are cut.

"But the new governmental schedules will probably hit very heavily at the numerous small coal brokerage offices that have come up like mushrooms recently in order to grab the spot coal business. They are the dealers who have caused much of the trouble at Washington."

"But it is a little early to give any definite opinion on the new schedule. It is not known whether the new rates are to be fixed at once or at some future date. And the President says that they are provisional. One operator here believes that the order was issued simply as a 'feeler.' I do not. But I don't regard it as exactly fair, in that it does not make any discrimination as to the quality of coal. That is a point that must be threshed out."

Company, which, like the Keystone Coal and Coke Company, mined upward of 5,000,000 tons last year, did not agree that coal could be sold for \$2. "The price fixed for West Virginia coal is below the cost of production," said he. "It simply can't be done."

This official estimated the item of labor at 40 per cent of the cost of production and declared that the new schedule could not be accepted unless the labor cost were curbed.

"The experts sent to this State by the Federal Trade Commission to inquire into the cost of production seemed to overlook everything except the cost at the mines," said another official. "They forgot the overhead, deterioration charges, and so on. You wouldn't ask a cigar manufacturer to sell cigars at \$2 whose tobacco cost him \$2. Yet that's what the Government is trying to do with the soft coal dealers."

GERMANS CONCENTRATED. "At times during the fighting the Germans had portions of six different divisions fighting the Canadian advance simultaneously. Such a concentration of troops shows clearly the importance which the German high command attaches to Lens."

"After one counter-attack, however, the German high command withdrew from the city a hundred German corpses were counted on one tiny patch of ground. The enemy's casualties have been very heavy."

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required the Germans, notably at Mormont farm and Hill 244. Our fire broke up the advancing waves. At no point were the Germans successful and everywhere they lost heavily.

"North of Courieres Wood German attacks by liquid fire were broken down. Unwounded German prisoners taken since August 20 and counted so far total 6116, plus 174 officers. The French yesterday captured many more in shelters, which have not yet been counted.

Especially valuable was the booty taken in three tunnels on Dead Man's Hill, where a complete electrical plant and first-aid stations were found intact, together with many regimental stores.

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Along the Aisne," the statement said, "the Germans bombarded our first lines and launched strong attacks at Mennejanforem, east of Braye, south of Labovelle and between Alles, Hutchesie and the Fall-fornie plateau. The French maintained possession of all gains intact and took a number of prisoners."

"On the left bank of the Meuse the French last evening threw back a violent attack between Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill. Enemy detachments penetrated a front-line trench, but were thrown out by a brilliant French attack."

"On the right bank the French repeatedly reached a total of more than 13,000 men and 311 officers this afternoon. The War Office announced thirty guns and a great quantity of booty had likewise been taken.

Austria's terrible toll of casualties in the continuing Italian advance today reached 35,000 in dead and wounded, according to headquarters' estimates.

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limits of the advance which had been estimated by the French headquarters. Reports from the various component armies participating in the offensive around Verdun established today the fact that the Verdun artillery has destroyed scores of great German guns brought up a year ago by infinite labor and fixed in elaborate emplacements for what was to be Germany's victorious assault on Verdun.

Dead Man's Hill, blackened by the blood of thousands on both sides, its slopes a gaunt specter of naked ground, was entirely in French hands today. The myriad defenses on which the Crown Prince spent months were leveled into mere crumbles of earth. The hill itself must remain a significant monument to lost hopes.

Cyrus Smith, of Berwick, Dead Berwick, Aug. 22.—Cyrus Smith, one of Berwick's best-known citizens, former manager of the Berwick Opera House, prominent Mason and for forty-seven years employed by the American Car and Foundry Company, died Monday night. Heart disease and dropsy were the cause.

REPORTS OF ALARMING SITUATION IN RUSSIA. Washington Hears Rumors, Which Are Unconfirmed by Secretary Lansing and Russian Embassy.

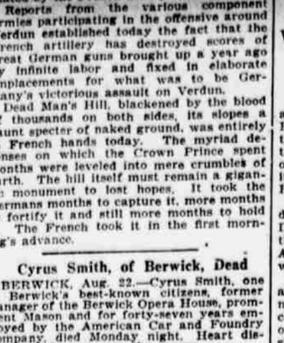
WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Decidedly alarming reports concerning conditions in Russia were widely circulated in Washington today. They ranged from stories that the Kerensky government was about to be overthrown to others that very serious rioting had broken out in many of the larger Russian cities.

Secretary of State Lansing refused to discuss these reports. He said the State Department had no information concerning them. No reports have reached here from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd dealing with the subject.

Officials at the Russian embassy, in the absence of the Ambassador, said they had no news. They said that all of their latest cables indicated that the Austro-German offensive had been checked and that the situation was "well in hand."

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